

**In the United States District Court
For the Southern District Of Georgia
Brunswick Division**

ERIC MITCHELL BLANTON,

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Petitioner,

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CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2:16-cv-29

v.

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BENNY DELOACH,

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Respondent.

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ORDER

After an independent and *de novo* review of the record, the undersigned concurs with the Magistrate Judge's March 2, 2016, Report and Recommendation, dkt. no. 4, to which objections have been filed. A review of Petitioner Eric Blanton's ("Blanton") Objections fails to reveal that he exhausted his state court remedies prior to filing his Petition with the Court. In addition, even though Blanton's Objections are more coherent than his Petition, it is still unclear which State of Georgia conviction he wishes to attack in this Court.

Accordingly, the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge is hereby **ADOPTED** as the opinion of the Court, and Plaintiff's Objections, dkt no. 6, are **OVERRULED**. The Court **DISMISSES**, without prejudice, Blanton's Petition for Writ of

Habeas Corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The Court also **DENIES** Plaintiff leave to appeal *in forma pauperis* and a certificate of appealability as any such appeal would lack good faith. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to enter the appropriate judgment of dismissal and to **CLOSE** this case.

SO ORDERED, this 29 day of March, 2016.

LISA GODBEY WOOD, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA